

Why are these Visions and Goals important and where did they come from?

Visions and Goals are cornerstones of a master plan. The Vision states the property's overall purpose and is consistent with statutes, DNR Board policies, DNR strategic goals and other guidance. Goals define in general terms, future outcomes or conditions that will transform the Vision into reality. Its OK for State Park and State Forest Visions to be quite different.

We began by asking experts in forestry, experts in state parks, master planning experts, and the park subcommittee of the Upper Green Bay Basin Partnership Team to spell out their visions and goals for the properties. When the results were compared, there were some striking similarities, even though the wording was somewhat different. These common themes came through.

- The public will derive certain benefits, uses or products from the resources.
- The site resources are of high quality and should be preserved and protected.
- The resources should be held in trust for present and future generations.
- Public use of resources and preservation of resources must be appropriately balanced.
- Developed facilities should have a rustic theme in keeping with the Northwoods atmosphere.

The Vision and Goals we decide on together will each relate to one or more of the above concepts.

Peshtigo River State Forest Proposed Vision Statement and Goals

Vision Statement

The Peshtigo River State Forest is a healthy, dynamic forest, which contributes to the diversity of natural communities in the region. The forest is managed for present and future generations to provide a broad range of ecological, cultural, social and economic benefits within its capabilities. The natural scenic beauty of the Peshtigo River, and its' flowages is perpetuated by maintaining the predominantly undeveloped shoreline. Compatible recreational opportunities are provided consistent with the scenic beauty and natural settings found along the river, its' flowages and forestland.

Goals

1. Establish compatible, mutually supportive programs with Governor Tommy G. Thompson Centennial State Park and other partners for resource protection, education and recreation management.
2. Manage the forest using principles of ecosystem management consistent with the ecological capability of the land.
3. Provide for a variety of renewable forest products and wildlife habitats consistent with the forest's capabilities and other property goals through the practice of sustainable forestry.
4. Provide a diversity of terrestrial and aquatic biological communities, including a range of forest types and age classes, consistent with the ecological capabilities of the land and waters.
5. Provide opportunities for hunting, trapping and wildlife viewing.
6. Maintain and enhance the quality of the fishery and fishing opportunities.
7. Maintain and enhance the natural, undeveloped scenic qualities of the state forest, especially those areas visible from the Peshtigo River and its flowages.
8. Protect endangered and threatened resources and areas of geological, archaeological, or cultural significance.
9. Provide for a variety of quality outdoor recreational activities with a focus on non-motorized trail uses, primitive camping and water access.
10. Cooperate with the existing regional motorized trail network while maintaining environmental quality and harmony with other forest users.
11. Prevent or minimize conflict among different types of recreational uses and among various types of forest uses and management activities.